



SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

CATHOLIC CHURCH

MARCH 12, 2023 | THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT




WELCOME!

VISIT OR CONTACT US

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straphaelarchangel.org

Mon.-Thu. | 7:30am-4:00pm
Fri. | 7:30am-12:00pm

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SCHOOL INFORMATION

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Saint Louis, MO 63109
314.352.9474 | 314.351.7477 (Fax)
Mon.-Fri. | 7:00am-3:00pm

MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND MASS

Saturday | 7:00am, 4:30pm
Sunday | 8:00am, 10:00am

WEEK DAY MASS

Mon. - Fri. | 7:00am
Mon. - Thur. | 8:00am

CONFESSION

Tues., Thu., Sat. | 15 minutes before
7:00am Mass
Saturday | 3:45pm-4:20pm
Other | By Appointment

CHURCH OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

Mon.-Fri. | 8:00am-2:00pm
Saturday | 8:00am-4:30pm
Sunday | 9:00am-10:00am



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READINGS FOR MARCH 12, 2023 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. PS 25 (24): 15-16

My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

Reading I

Ex 17:3-7

In those days, in their thirst for water, the people grumbled against Moses, saying, "Why did you ever make us leave Egypt? Was it just to have us die here of thirst with our children and our livestock?" So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? A little more and they will stone me!" The LORD answered Moses, "Go over there in front of the people, along with some of the elders of Israel, holding in your hand, as you go, the staff with which you struck the river. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock in Horeb. Strike the rock, and the water will flow from it for the people to drink." This Moses did, in the presence of the elders of Israel. The place was called Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled there and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD in our midst or not?"

Responsorial Psalm

95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. Come, let us sing joyfully to the LORD; let us acclaim the Rock of our salvation. Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us joyfully sing psalms to him. **R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.** Come, let us bow down in worship; let us kneel before the LORD who made us. For he is our God, and we are the people he shepherds, the flock he guides. **R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.** Oh, that today you would hear his voice: "Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as in the day of Massah in the desert, Where your fathers tempted me; they tested me though they had seen my works."

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Reading II

Rom 5:1-2, 5-8

Brothers and sisters: Since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in hope of the glory of God. And hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. For Christ, while we were still helpless, died at the appointed time for the ungodly. Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for a just person, though perhaps for a good person one might even find courage to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.

Verse Before the Gospel

Cf. Jn 4:42, 15

Lord, you are truly the Savior of the world; give me living water, that I may never thirst again.

Gospel

Jn 4:5-42

Jesus came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of land that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there. Jesus, tired from his journey, sat down there at the well. It was about noon. A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" —For Jews use nothing in common with Samaritans.— Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you do not even have a bucket and the cistern is deep; where then can you get this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us this cistern and drank from it himself with his children and his flocks?" Jesus answered and said to her, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." Jesus said to her, "Go call your husband and come back." The woman answered and said to him, "I do not have a husband." Jesus answered her, "You are right in saying, 'I do not have a husband.' For you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true." The woman said to him, "Sir, I can see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain; but you people say that the place to worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You people worship what you do not understand; we worship what we understand, because salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth; and indeed the Father seeks such people to worship him. God is Spirit, and those who worship him must worship in Spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that the Messiah is coming, the one called the Christ; when he comes, he will tell us everything." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one speaking with you." At that moment his disciples returned, and were amazed that he was talking with a woman, but still no one said, "What are you looking for?" or "Why are you talking with her?" The woman left her water jar and went into the town and said to the people, "Come see a man who told me everything I have done. Could he possibly be the Christ?"

They went out of the town and came to him. Meanwhile, the disciples urged him, "Rabbi, eat." But he said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know." So the disciples said to one another, "Could someone have brought him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of the one who sent me and to finish his work. Do you not say, 'In four months the harvest will be here'? I tell you, look up and see the fields ripe for the harvest. The reaper is already receiving payment and gathering crops for eternal life, so that the sower and reaper can rejoice together. For here the saying is verified that 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap what you have not worked for; others have done the work, and you are sharing the fruits of their work." Many of the Samaritans of that town began to believe in him because of the word of the woman who testified, "He told me everything I have done." When the Samaritans came to him, they invited him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. Many more began to believe in him because of his word, and they said to the woman, "We no longer believe because of your word; for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."



Mass Intentions

Sunday, March 12

8:00am William Rossfeld

10:00am Marcia Matreci

Monday, March 13

7:00am Don Deachan

Tuesday, March 14

7:00am Paul Beckerle

7:00pm Special Intention

Wednesday, March 15

7:00am Daniel Liddy

Thursday, March 16

7:00am Joseph F. and Kathryn H. Darpel

Friday, March 17

7:00am Jimmy Feser

Saturday, March 18

7:00am Patricia Messmer

4:30pm Dorothy and Sam Lawson

Sunday, March 19

8:00am People of the Parish

10:00am Ken Soehngen

Your Contributions to God and Parish

March 5, 2022	This Week	Year-to-Date
(Envelopes Used)		
Regular Env. (56)	\$ 5,639.00	\$ 177,214.00
Loose Money	\$ 2,064.00	\$ 53,154.00
School Support	\$ 60.00	\$ 8,630.00
Building Fund	\$ 760.00	\$ 12,719.00
Holy Days	\$ 0.00	\$ 6,770.00
Online Giving (58)	\$ 3,361.00	\$ 105,842.00
New Parishioners	\$ 50.00	
Catholic Relief	(\$ 50.00)	
Earthquake Relief	(\$ 150.00)	
ProLife	(\$ 410.00)	
Lenten Project	(\$ 1,640.00)	
Candle Money	\$ 220.00	
Grand Total	\$ 14,404.00	
Total for Parish	\$ 12,154.00	\$ 368,219.00
Amount Needed	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 360,000.00
Difference	<u>\$ 2,154.00</u>	<u>\$ 8,219.00</u>
FYE 2022		<u>\$ 46,837.00</u>

From St. Vincent de Paul Society

In today's Gospel, Jesus says, "My food is to do the will of the One who sent Me and to finish His work." When we are able to purchase a bed, a mattress, and covers for a neighbor in need, the items make a tremendous impact on someone who has been sleeping on the floor. Through our prayers and gifts, we are helping Jesus finish His work on Earth.

SERVERS FOR MAR. 13 - 19, 2023

Monday, March 13 - Friday, March 17

No 8:00am Mass

Saturday, March 18

4:30pm Ethan Bradshaw Sophia Bradshaw
Brendan Cierpiot

Sunday, March 19

8:00am James Browning Gavin Eddingfield
Ryan Schneider
10:00am Ava Christlieb Lydia Eddingfield
Katelyn Feldman

DAILY READINGS

Sunday	Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42
Monday	2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4/Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday	Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday	Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19
Thursday	Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23
Friday	Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17/Mk 12:28-34
Saturday	Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14
Next Sunday	1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

LECTORS FOR THE WEEKEND OF

MARCH 18 - 19, 2023

4:30pm
George Kerry

8:00am
Judy Hof

10:00am
Gerry Unger

Cookbooks

SRA Ladies' Club has a supply of cookbooks available for sale. These will make great gifts for the coming year...Easter, Mother's Day, etc. They are \$15 each. You can purchase them via the parish office or contact Stacy LoBello at stacy.lobello@gmail.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, March 13

7:00am Church Mass
2:00pm Church Prayer Group
7:00pm Cafeteria Parish Council

Tuesday, March 14

7:00am Church Mass
9:30am Church Prayer Group
5:15pm Cafeteria Kindergarten Girl Scouts
6:15pm Church Confessions
6:30pm Parish Office HSA
7:00pm Church Mass
7:30pm Church Rosary with Reflections

Wednesday, March 15

6:30am Church Rosary
7:00am Church Mass
8:30pm Gym Men's Basketball

Thursday, March 16

7:00am Church Mass
2:00pm Cafeteria Dance
6:30pm Parish Office RCIA

Friday, March 17

6:30am Church Rosary
7:00am Church Mass
7:30am Church Adult Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 18

7:00am Church Mass
4:30pm Church Mass

Sunday, March 19

8:00am Church Mass
10:00am Church Mass
6:00pm Church Prayer Group
6:00pm Gym Cotillion



Faith Alive! In the Home
On Sunday, March 12, immediately following the 10:00AM Mass, parents and children are invited to a 30-minute engaging and interactive Bible Storytime in the school cafeteria. We will talk about Lent in a way that is especially suited for children ages 2-6 years-old and make a painted cross to take home. See how you can further foster faith in your home through Bible stories, crafts, and songs. For questions, contact Mary Reck 314.326.6996.

2nd Annual Ben Polson Memorial Hockey Game

STLFD vs. STLPD
Friday, March 31
Face Off: 7:30pm
Affton Ice Rink
10300 Gravois

Proceeds Benefit Backstoppers

Tickets available from players at the front door. Come out and support a great cause and see some good hockey!



Permanent Diaconate Information Nights

On Mondays, March 13 and March 20, Permanent Diaconate Information Nights will be held at 6:30pm at the Cardinal Rigali Center. The Office of the Permanent Diaconate will hold informational meetings for men who are interested in exploring the possibility of a vocation to the Permanent Diaconate. Interested men are invited to attend one of the sessions. Wives of interested men are strongly encouraged to attend. For more information or to reserve a spot, please contact 314.792.7433.

ARCHDIOCESAN LENTEN REGULATIONS

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him." (John 3:16-17)

The Church has always helped us fulfill these words of Jesus by prescribing very definite penance for all Catholics, so that we too might have Eternal life. Accordingly, the Pope and the American Bishops have outlined obligatory fast and abstinence as follows:

All Fridays of Lent and Good Friday (April 7, 2023) are days of **abstinence** (refraining from meat) for all Catholics **from age 14 onwards**. On these two days, **fast**, as well as **abstinence**, is also obligatory for those **from the ages of 18-59**. Abstinence means refraining from meat. Fast means one full meal a day, with two smaller meals and nothing between meals (liquids are permitted). No Catholic will lightly excuse himself or herself from this obligation.

Feast of Saint Patrick (March 17, 2023) falls on a Friday during Lent this year. Feasts of the Church are meant to be a day of celebration and rejoicing, so on this Friday, March 17, 2023, the faithful of the Archdiocese of St. Louis are dispensed from abstaining from meat should they choose to celebrate the Feast of Saint Patrick.

Saint Raphael the Archangel Church

Family Mass

SATURDAY

MARCH 25

4:30 PM

All parish families and children are invited to engage in this special liturgy as greeters, gift bearers, lectors and more.



Contact Ally Favre to participate: 314-303-8458



Save the date for the SRA Day of Service set for Saturday, April 22. Parishioners of all ages are welcome to come together for a service project at our sister parish, Most Holy Trinity. The day will then conclude at our church for 4:30pm Mass. More details and SignUp Genius to follow.

A truck will be set up for donations to the St. Vincent de Paul Society on Saturday, June 17, from 9:00am to 1:00pm on the school parking lot. A list of acceptable donations will be forthcoming in future bulletin announcements.



All families of St. Raphael Parish and School are invited to join us for a night of family friendly fun!

- WHAT:** DJ, Photo booth, Pizza and Refreshments included
WHEN: March 25, 2023 immediately following 4:30 family mass until 8:30
COST: \$10 per family

Please return forms to the school office before 3/20.
Checks Payable to St. Raphael

Contact Louise with any questions
balicki-smith@straphaelarchangel.org

FAMILY NAME _____

NUMBER ATTENDING _____

LifeLine Coalition Campaign

It's that time of the year again, time to support the LifeLine Coalition Campaign. The campaign will extend from March 6 to March 20, and you will find your envelope in the March packet of envelopes. This campaign supports Birthright of Hillsboro, St. Charles, St. Louis, Wentzville, and Tri-County; Good Shepherd Children & Family Services; Haven of Grace; Mary Queen of Angels; Our Lady's Inn; Pregnancy Help Center of South County; and Washington Pregnancy Assistance Center.



Even though Roe vs Wade has been overturned, your support is still very important. Please help women in need and their families as they choose life for their children. Please help to build the Culture of Life by donating to the LifeLine Coalition.

Thank you for your generosity! The SRA ProLife Committee

We would like to welcome the following new member to our church. We hope you know that we are here for you. There are several committees and clubs that you might like to join where you can meet other parishioners. As a faith community, we like to help others in our area and those less fortunate than we are. We hope you will consider joining us in future activities at our church. Please join us at Mass either online or in person at church. Again, welcome to St. Raphael the Archangel Parish; we are happy to have you join us.

Brendan and Taylor Giljum
James Maulbetsch and Emma Distler



games, crafts,
stories, song,
outside play



Full & half days
3-5 days per week
Aftercare available


SRA
Summer
CAMP

June 5 - July 21
Fun themed-weeks
Weekly water days
& field trips



**Saint Raphael the
Archangel School**
6000 Jamieson Avenue

**Explorer Club
Ages 3-5**

**Adventure Club
Ages 6-8**

Questions?
Contact Michele Swaney
swaney@straphaelarchangel.org

To register:
[sraschool.org/student-
life/summer-camp](https://sraschool.org/student-life/summer-camp)

SRA Summer Camp

SRA SUMMER CAMP 2023 IS BACK AND WE NEED HELPERS! We are looking for high school and college students interested in summer camp work, or needing service hours, or both. We provide a flexible schedule and a great experience working with kids! We also need adults with early child care or classroom experience to help us run the summer program. Please contact Michele Swaney at swaney@saintraphaelarchangel.org or by phone at 314.797.3358. We are looking forward to a FUN and ADVENTURE -PACKED summer with the kids!

SRA Ladies' Club Quarter Auction

April 14, 6:30pm in SRA Gym

Doors open at 6:00pm for 6:30pm start



What's a quarter auction?

Glad you asked. Entry paddle is \$5, cash or check at event. There are 50+ prizes on display and if you are interested in one, you pay a quarter and hold up your paddle for that item's raffle. That's it!

But wait, there's more: you can buy an "All In" paddle for \$25 and be in every single raffle!

Walk in available night of event,
or

Tables of 8 can be reserved in advance for \$60.
Reserved table includes 8, \$5 entry level paddles
(you can upgrade to "All in" for \$20 at event)

Use QR code here or
email ladies@straphaelarchangel.org
to reserve a table.



BYOB and food (like a trivia night!)

There will be basket raffles and 50/50!
(It's a blast, really...)



Quarter Auction Donations

SRA Ladies' Club is soliciting donations for its upcoming Quarter Auction fundraising event. Following is a list of suggested items (not limited to) but we will accept any new items.

- Gift certificates to local businesses
- Themed Baskets, i.e., Spa Day
- Pickleball Set
- Pet Supplies
- Sports Equipment – Golf Balls, Tees, Towels
- Wine and/or other adult beverages
- Personal items, i.e., Purses, Jewelry, etc.
- Electronics, i.e., Ear Buds

ATTENTION LADIES' CLUB MEMBERS

The Club is in need of baskets, basket confetti/moss or other "fillers," tissue paper, and/or cute or unique containers for raffles. Items can be dropped off at the parish office. Thank you.

All are welcome!



*Is the Lord calling you to attend a retreat?
Will you listen?*

Consider joining the women of St. Gabriel
on an ACTS Retreat:
March 30-April 2, 2023

Contact Joan Burnes @ (314) 650-6459
or joan.burnes@yahoo.com

Or find the registration form on the parish
website: www.stgabrielstl.org
(under the Worship & Formation tab)



Evangelization 101 WORKSHOP

PLANNING AREA 4

15 APRIL 2023

9:00A.M. - 12:00P.M.

St. Raphael the Archangel

*A free morning workshop covering the
fundamentals of evangelization.*

Due to limited space, registration is required.

Visit archstl.org/evangelization



Welcome to the St. Raphael Parish Family!

If you are new to our community, we extend to you a heartfelt welcome. Please fill out this form and place it in the collection basket or drop it off at the parish office. You can also call us at 314.352.8100.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Please check the appropriate item(s):

____ New Parishioner

____ Please Contact Me

____ New E-mail/Address/Phone Number

____ Please Do Not Publish Phone #